

**AMERICAN
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**FIFTH DISTRICT NEWS
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY/DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

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District Officers:

President-Linda Bartell
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Vice President-VACANT

Treasurer-Elaine Forster

Chaplain-Gayla Ruocco

Membership Chairman-Joyce Wingers

Sgt at Arms-Calena McKnight



Dates To Remember:

2/16/2026 George Washington Luncheon at Meyers Family Restaurant

3/31/2026 Unit Year End Figures due to District_President, Linda

5/16/2026 Fifth District Spring Conference

2026 Renewal Dues:

Fifth District is still in last place for renewal dues. I, Linda, don't care much about standings, but hope that you are still getting in touch with your members who have not renewed as yet for 2026. Keeping members and adding new members are the lifeblood of the Auxiliary's future.

Year End Numbers:

This Unit report is due to District President by 3/31/2026. I know there is not a lot of activity in District Five units, but I am sure there should be service to veterans. Reminder if your spouse is a veteran and you are caretaking for them, you can claim 10 hours per week, and if you take veterans to church, doctor appointments, wrapping gifts for the veterans for Christmas Gift Shop, making tray favors, afghans or lap robes, poppy collections that is Service to Veterans.

Community Service suggestions are: donating to goodwill or similar organizations, weekly recycling, helping at nursing homes, giving people, not veterans (see above) rides to church or doctor, community events appointments.

More suggestions are on the attached sheet.

There is an online, streamlined app to report these hours on the Department website if you care to use it. Otherwise, here is your paper copy.

Please get to me no later than 3/31/2026.

Forms that need to be filled out and sent back to Department:

In the recent Unit Mailing, Department is requesting that the 2027 Unit Membership Dues Billing Amount (by 3/20/2026) and 2027 Unit Membership Dues Collection Person (by 5/22/2026). Please fill out asap so you do not have to worry about it later. **If you need a copy, let me know.**

Yearly Things to Review in your Unit:

Unit Budget

Unit Standing Rules

Unit Constitution and Bylaws

Do a Financial audit on your books-make sure all expenses have proper documentation etc

If you need any help on this, just let me know.

District Vice President Chair is empty:

With the passing of Vernadine Williams, Fifth District needs 5 members for the Executive Committee for voting purposes of any motions that need to be made (example budget, reviews of documents), can I have a volunteer for this position please.

Past Event:

The Four Chaplains Ceremony was held at the Zablocki V.A. Chapel on Sunday February 1, 2026. There was a good turnout. For those of you who missed this solemn ceremony, mark your calendars for 2027, the first Sunday in February. The singing group that performed, flutes and violins and had fantastic voices.

I hope you are reading your Bi Monthly Unit Meetings for any other information you or your unit might be interested in.

Don't know about any of you, but I can do with the snow and cold going away. Need any type of help with your Unit, just let me know.

**Linda Bartell
5th District President**